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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 900-407

Date: November 13, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**ASHING METHOD**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
 16 pages of specification and claims (including 12 numbered claims), and  
 6 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

**Application Number**  
2000-348477

**Country**  
Japan

**Day/Month/Year Filed**  
15/11/2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.☐ The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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